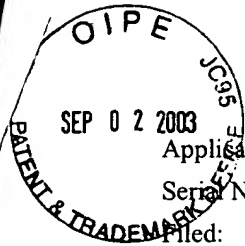


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

Photos 1-3 show a telecommunications device manufactured by Cisco Systems prior to the filing date of this application. The device includes a housing containing a plurality of removable DSLAM cards. The cards interface with a backplane circuit board. An upper portion of the backplane circuit board extends above the housing. RJ21 connectors are provided adjacent the upper portion of the backplane circuit board.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.


Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Application Serial No. 09/549,133, filed April 13, 2000
		"BroadWire™ 120: High Density ADSL Splitter", <i>ADC Telecommunications, Inc.</i> , 8 pages (September 2000)
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		"BroadWire™ 528-Port 23-Inch Central Office ADSL Splitter Chassis Installation Guide", <i>ADC Telecommunications, Inc.</i> , 17 pages (August 2000)
		Photos of prior art telecommunications device, 3 pgs. (Applicants had knowledge of these photos prior to the filing of current application)



EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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